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IN RE: PELVIC MESH LITIGATION : FEBRUARY TERM 2014
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MASTER DOCKET : NO. 829
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SHARON CARLINO and CHARLES :
CARLINO, et al., : COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
: PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
Plaintiffs, :
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vs. : JUNE TERM, 2013
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ETHICON WOMEN'S HEALTH AND : No. 3470
UROLOGY, A DIVISION OF :
ETHICON, INC., et al., :
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Defendants. :
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The video-recorded de bene esse
deposition of BRUCE ALAN ROSENZWEIG, M.D., taken
before Pauline M. Vargo, an Illinois Certified
Shorthand Reporter, C.S.R. No. 84-1573, at the law
offices of Wexler Wallace, LLP, Suite 3300,
55 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, on
December 22, 2015, at 9:09 a.m.

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1 **A.** Yes.

2 **Q.** You discussed the weight of hernia mesh
3 with Mr. Freese, correct?

4 **A.** Yes.

5 **Q.** It's true, Doctor, that there is no
6 agreed-upon classification of the weight of slings
7 used in stress urinary incontinence, correct?

8 MR. FREESE: I object to the form of
9 the question.

10 **A.** Yes, because they are all heavyweight
11 mesh.

12 MR. SNELL: Move to strike after
13 "yes."

14 BY MR. SNELL:

15 **Q.** And all slings that are currently on the
16 market for stress urinary incontinence are over 65
17 grams per meter squared, correct?

18 **A.** Yes.

19 **Q.** You discussed the mechanical and
20 laser-cut mesh with Mr. Freese, correct?

21 **A.** Yes.

22 **Q.** And you are aware that here in the
23 United States 90 percent of TVT and TVT-O devices
24 used are mechanical cut, correct?

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1 **A.** In the 80 to 90 percent range, yes.

2 **Q.** It's your understanding that over in
3 Europe those doctors do more laser-cut mesh,
4 particularly for the TVT like we are talking about
5 here today?

6 **A.** They have more laser-cut mesh, yes.

7 **Q.** And you haven't done any analysis
8 looking at the studies coming out of Europe in the
9 last five years and compared to it to the studies
10 coming out of the United States in the last five
11 years to see if there is any difference in
12 complication rates between laser and mechanical-cut
13 TVT mesh, correct?

14 **A.** No, I have not.

15 **Q.** And I believe while you seem to suggest
16 that laser-cut mesh would have been a better
17 alternative, you have actually taken the position
18 and opined that laser-cut mesh is defective; true?

19 MR. FREESE: I object to the form of
20 the question.

21 **A.** Laser-cut mesh is associated with
22 stiffness, and stiffness is associated with its own
23 problems, yes.

24 MR. SNELL: Move to strike.